



## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### **Extension of Public Comment Period Hydrogen Energy California's Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle Project Preliminary Staff Assessment and Draft Environmental Impact Statement**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Extension of public comment period; notice of public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) published a notice of availability and public hearing on July 22, 2013 (78 FR 43870) that provided for a comment period ending September 3, 2013. DOE is extending the public comment period to October 1, 2013 and announces public hearings for the *Hydrogen Energy California's Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle Project Preliminary Staff Assessment/Draft Environmental Impact Statement* (PSA/DEIS) (DOE/EIS - 0431D).

**DATES:** DOE extends the public comment period to October 1, 2013. Comments submitted to California Energy Commission (CEC) or DOE concerning the Hydrogen Energy California Project (HECA) prior to this meeting do not need to be resubmitted as a result of this extension of the comment period.

The PSA/DEIS is available on the internet at <http://www.energy.gov/nepa/downloads/eis-0431-draft-environmental-impact-statement> or on the CEC electronic docket site at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/2013publications/CEC-700-2013-001/CEC-700-2013-001-PSA.pdf>.

Copies of the PSA/DEIS are available for public review at the following locations: Beale Memorial Library, 701 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301; Holloway-Gonzales Branch Library, 506 E. Brundage Lane, Bakersfield, CA 93307; and Southwest Memorial Library, 8301 Ming Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301.

Meetings : OE and CEC will hold joint public hearings as follows:

Tuesday, September 17, 2013

Buttonwillow Recreation and Park District, Multi-purpose Facility

556 Milo Avenue

Buttonwillow, California 93206

10:00 a.m. CEC Workshop

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Formal Public Comments

Wednesday, September 18, 2013 (Same location as above)

9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. CEC Workshop and Committee conference

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Formal Public Comments

(Committee conference may continue after the close of formal public comment)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information on the proposed project, contact Mr. Fred Pozzuto, U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory, 3610 Collins Ferry Road, P.O. Box 880, Morgantown, WV. Additional information may be requested by email: [fred.pozzuto@netl.doe.gov](mailto:fred.pozzuto@netl.doe.gov) or by telephone at (304) 285-5219, or toll free at 1-(800) 432-8330, ext. 5219. For general information regarding DOE NEPA process, please contact: Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (GC-54), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20585-0103; telephone: (202)-586-4600. The PSA/DEIS is available on the internet at <http://www.energy.gov/nepa/downloads/eis-0431-draft-environmental-impact-statement> or on the CEC electronic docket site at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/2013publications/CEC-700-2013->

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